

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic device comprising:

two cases;

5 a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other and by which the two cases are openable and closeable;

a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer surface of at least one of the two cases;

10 a first engaging unit which is disposed in at least one of the cases; and

a second engaging unit which is disposed in the cover member to be engaged with the first engaging unit,

15 wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases by engaging the first and second engaging units with each other.

20 2. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the first engaging unit is formed in a shape which has decorativeness.

25 3. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the first engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed on a tip end surface of at least one of the cases and at positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the cases; and

the second engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed on a tip end surface of the cover member and at positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on the cover member, and the tip end surface and positions near to the hinge unit on the both side surfaces of the cover member corresponding to the tip end surface and positions near to the hinge unit on the both side surfaces of one of the cases.

4. An electronic device according to claim 3, wherein one pair of the engaging portions at the positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases and the engaging portions at the positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member are elastically movable in engaging/disengaging directions.

5. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the first engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed on a tip end surface of at least one of the cases and at a position near to the hinge unit on the outer surface of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the cases;

the second engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed on a tip end surface of the cover member and at a position near to the hinge unit

on an inner surface of the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on the cover member, and the inner surface facing the outer surface of at least one of the cases when the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases;

the engaging portions which is disposed at a position near to the hinge unit on the outer surface of at least one of the cases and which is disposed at a position near to the hinge unit on the inner surface of the cover member have attractive members; and

these attractive members are attracted each other when the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases.

6. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the first engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed on a tip end surface of at least one of the cases and at a position near to the hinge unit on the outer surface of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the cases;

the second engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed on a tip end surface of the cover member and at a position near to the hinge unit on an inner surface of the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on the cover member, and the inner surface facing the

outer surface of at least one of the cases when the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases;

the engaging portions which is disposed at a position near to the hinge unit on the outer surface of at least one of the cases and which is disposed at a position near to the hinge unit on the inner surface of the cover member have surface fasteners; and

these surface fasteners are fastened each other when the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases.

7. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of at least one of the cases, and an opening is formed in a portion of the cover member, the portion being corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of at least one of the cases.

8. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of at least one of the cases, and a light transmit member is disposed in a portion of at least one of the cases, the portion being corresponding to the decoration of one of the cases.

9. An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.

10. An electronic device according to claim 1,

wherein the cover member is made of a synthetic resin which transmits light.

11. An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the first engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases and are disposed at positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases,

10 the second engaging unit includes engaging portions which are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases and are disposed at positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member, and

15 the engaging portions of the first engaging unit, which are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the cases, and the engaging portions of the second engaging unit, which are disposed at positions being away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member, are rotatably engaged with each other.

12. An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein a mirror is disposed on an inner surface of the cover member, the inner surface facing the outer surface of at least one of the cases.

13. A cover member which is mounted to an outer

surface of at least one of two cases of an electronic device, the cases being connected to each other by a hinge unit by which the two cases are openable and closeable, comprising:

5 an engaging unit which is detachably engaged with at least one of the cases,

 wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of at least one of the cases by engaging the engaging unit with at least one of the
10 cases.

 14. An cover member according to claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer surface of at least one of the cases, and an opening is formed in a portion of the cover member, the portion being
15 corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of at least one of the cases.

 15. A cover member according to claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer surface of at least one of the cases, and a light transmit
20 member is disposed in a portion of at least one of the cases, the portion being corresponding to the decoration of at least one of the cases.

 16. A cover member according to claim 14, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a
25 graphic and a pattern.

 17. An electronic device comprising:
 two cases;

a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other and by which the two cases are openable and closeable;

an electronic unit disposed in at least one of the
5 two cases;

a flat-shaped cover member which is mounted to at least one of the cases and is overlapped with an outer surface of at least one of the cases to cover the outer surface;

10 an electronic unit disposed in the cover member;
and

an electrically connecting/engaging unit which detachably engages at least one of the cases and the cover member with each other, and electrically connects
15 the electronic unit in at least one of the cases and the electronic unit in the cover member with each other.

18. An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein the electrically connecting/engaging unit
20 comprises a first electrically connecting/engaging portion which is electrically connected to the electronic unit in at least one of the cases and is retractably projected from at least one of both side surfaces of at least one of the cases,

25 a second electrically connecting/engaging portion which is electrically connected to the electronic unit in the cover member and is disposed on at least one of

both side surface of the cover member, and

the first electrically connecting/engaging portion is detachably engaged with the second electrically connecting/engaging portion.

5 19. An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein a first engaging portion is disposed on a tip end surface of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the cases; and

10 a second engaging portion with which the first engaging portion is detachably engaged is disposed on a tip end surface of the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on the cover member.

15 20. An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein the electronic unit has one of a display function, a television tuner function, a speaker function, a power source function, a camera function, a printer function, and a scanner function.